

Lewis and Clark County 4-H Leader's Council

Date: January 13, 2016
 Start Time: 5:30 PM
 End Time: 6:57 PM

Present: MSU Extension Office: Mary Meyer, Janet Cerovski
Augusta Livestock: **Don Converse**
Baxendale Beavers:
Big Sky: **Josie Hamilton, Wade Bratlien,** Karen Bratlien, Dave Hamilton, Krista Hamilton,
 Kyler Maharg, Jonathon DeWald, Kris DeWald
BHA: **Randi O'Shea, Kegan Brewer,** Wes Brewer
BOA: **Michelle Gransbery**
Bits & Bridles
Canyon Creek Stock:
Farm Kids: **William Sullivan, Lloyd Tangen,**
Gold Nuggets: **Shea Gruber, Jana Gruber**
Golden Livestock: **Shea Novak, Shalee Tamcke,** Kimberly Lowry
Haywire Kids: **Jim Ashmore**
Kountry Bumpkins: **Julie Gilchrist, Dora Lindner**
LCL: **Tehl King, Rye Lee VanDiest,** Cody Mitchell, Kelly Motichka
MT City Mavs: **Dillon Ostberg, Bryson Sedivy**
Mt. Tractor Kids:
Rocky Mt. Livestock:
Scratchgravel Wranglers: **Kristina Carlson**
Silver Creek Stock:
Silver Spurs:
Sleeping Giants: **Janell Swanson, Kathy Swanson**
Sweet Clovers: **Catherine McNeil, Donna Bodner,** Ken McNeil
Treaters & Feeders:
Wild Roses: **C.J. Lassila**
WYW: **Anson D. Moffett**

Agenda Item	Discussion	Motion/Recommendation
Call to Order / Pledges	David Hamilton called the meeting to order and pledges were stated.	
Minute Approval	The meeting from November 18, 2015 meeting were read and approved. Noted was the misspelling of Bryson Sedivy's name.	
Treasurer's Report	Michelle Ostberg reported the Treasurer's report could not be created due to the unavailability of the bank statement. The report will be give next month.	
Committee Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outdoor Indoor Ambassadors 	<u>Outdoor</u> – Dave Hamilton reported on the two outdoor committee meetings held since the last council meeting. At the December meeting there was a motion that was seconded and carried to raise the percent on the sale market kids to 6% to help accommodate some of the costs of fair. This past Sunday, the Beef Project tagged 48 beef. All other projects are going along. There was	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundation • Extension Office Report • District 6 • Clubs • Other 	<p>agreement to change the minimum weight on hair breed sheep to 80 lbs. from 90 lbs. for this year and will relook the weight for next year. Large animal breeding stock will be allowed to come in on the day of the show and then leave if they would like. This is in part to accommodate space constraints and biosecurity issues between sheep and goats. The Goat Project is now at 19 members and will double the size they currently use for space at fair. This accommodation is already being made in other species. The Sales Committee is up and running. Outdoor superintendents are doing a ton of workshops, so please be sure to get your members the information and encourage their attendance.</p> <p><u>Indoor</u> – Dora Lindner reported the committee has not meet since November. The next meeting will be January 25th at 5:30 PM for fair premium books. Please bring your changes.</p> <p><u>Ambassadors</u> – Janelle Swanson reported the Quality Assurance workshop went very well. Emily Walter hosted a blood drive and had 24 donations. Katie Lindner and Emily Walter presented information at a club meeting shared information with club.</p> <p><u>Foundation</u> – Catherine McNeil reported on the special Foundation meeting tomorrow to discuss by-law changes due to the 501C3 application. The Foundation will become the umbrella organization and clubs and Council will fall under their 501(c)(3) umbrella. In doing so, the organization can only have one set of bylaws. Council will need to change the current bylaws to a constitution. Council will operate under the same premise as it does now. The Dream Big Raffle planning is underway with a variety of ideas and raffle items under consideration. Please give your ideas to Foundation for the Dream Big Raffle.</p> <p><u>501(c)(3) Update</u> – Cody Mitchell and Catherine McNeil gave a status update on the application process. Work continues on the documentation and application process. Once the 501(c)(3) status is granted, it will mean the organization will move away from MSU financially and be able to not pay MSU the 1% annual fee. Dave Hamilton reported that all clubs will be rolled into the application and that is also included in the cost of the \$6,300 we are spending to apply. About \$3,000 of the fee is to do just the clubs after Foundation and Council receive their designation. Future clubs can be added or removed as needed.</p> <p><u>Extension Office</u> – Mary Meyer thanked all of the committees for their hard work. Please encourage your members to attend the mini rec lab being held on January 30th along with a level 1 Leader's College being presented by Allison and Mary. Please see the newsletter for more information. Attendees will receive a 4-H thumb drive to take home. Mary discussed the mission and vision of 4-H and shared the Targeting Life Skills Model from Iowa State University Extension and ways to use the wheel within your club or projects. Carcass Evaluation training will be held on February 20. Please look for more information in the newsletter. Training will include travel to Ranchland for carcass viewing and then a stop at Fairmont. Quality Assurance went very well thanks to the Ambassadors and Junior Superintendents that organized the training. The next Quality Assurance workshop will be held on April 22 at 6 PM. Mary noted those members that helped with the QA will get credit toward their three year requirement. Please see Mary if you'd like to participate with putting on a QA workshop. Please remember that volunteer</p>	
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	<p>awards are coming up and start thinking of recommendations. Another member award opportunity similar to the Ron Schatz award will be available soon in memory of Donald Deege. Marilyn Dusenberry, Anderson Zurmuehlen & Co., has been doing our taxes since 2008 and AZ has graciously donated her time. Please see Mary if you have interest in reviewing the taxes. In 2014 the pro bono time and services were donated at almost \$1,200. Congrats to Rye Lee VanDiest joining the American Angus Association. Rec Lab will be held in Joliet this year. It is a lot of fun and we encourage members to attend. Winter Teen Retreat is coming up and applications are due shortly.</p> <p><u>Clubs</u> – Canyon Creek will be hosting their annual Spaghetti Feed on February 6 from 4 PM to 7 PM at the Canyon Creek School. Please see Mary for more information. \$6 per adult / \$15 per family.</p> <p><u>Bylaws</u> – Dave Hamilton reported the committee has not met. As we move forward with the 501c3 under the Foundation, we will be updating the bylaws to a constitution. The organization will continue to run much as it has. Council runs the day-to-day operation just like we do now. Membership will stay the same along with voting. Operating under status quo.</p> <p><u>Awards</u> – Catherine nothing to report.</p> <p><u>Building</u> – Ken McNeil reported he will submit a list of projects in the newsletter for consideration. He is hopeful the smaller projects are ones that clubs would be willing to take on and complete. He will be identifying some bigger projects that he will present at Foundation and perhaps could be funded through the proceeds from the raffle.</p> <p>Other Business</p> <p><u>Military Kids Report</u> - Catherine McNeil gave an update on the Mini Rec Lab being held on January 30, 2016, beginning at 9 AM to 4:30 PM at the Helena Middle School. \$10 per person and lunch will be provided. We have 3 State Representatives presenting at the lab. This is a great opportunity for our kids to experience 4-H. We have kids coming from out of county to attend. Chaperones will be present. The Leaders College will be presented through MSU and we will be offering 4 renewal credits for teachers. The afternoon will offer a presentation of resume writing and interviewing skills for our senior members. This is a continuation of the college prep workshop that was held last November. Younger kids will also have their track of afternoon workshops. Workshops will be led by community members. Please encourage members and leaders to participate.</p> <p><u>Camp</u> – Catherine McNeil reported applications for camp councils were due. We have several applications and will be starting camp counselor training and workshops. Counselors need to attend workshops and participation in the workshops is very important. Catherine noted that a Winter Camp Chaperone from the county is needed and offered to chaperone if kids are willing to attend.</p>	
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<p>Old Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 501(c)(3) Application • Voting of Proposals • Other 	<p><u>501(c)(3) Application</u> – Dave Hamilton asked if anyone had any questions, comments or concerns of the application. Dave added this is not a quick process and Foundation is hopeful we would receive our designation for the 2017 4-H year as the process take approximately 8 to 10 months. Please contact either Dave Hamilton or Cody Mitchell for questions.</p> <p><u>Voting of Proposals</u> – Dave Hamilton gave an overview of the proposal process and encouraged those present to use the electronic voting method available this evening.</p> <p><u>Outdoor Committee Proposals</u> Fair Attire: Outdoor recommends a change to allow 4-Her to wear either dark blue or black jeans to show at the Fair.</p> <p>Lamb Birthdates: Outdoor recommends to leave the birthdate as January 1.</p> <p>Swine Birthdates and Minimum Weight: Outdoor recommends to leave the birthdate as of January 1 and minimum weight of 210 for 2016.</p> <p><u>Awards Committee Proposals</u> Overall Family and Consumer Sciences and Overall Agriculture: Awards committee recommends Overall Family and Consumer Sciences and Overall Agriculture will be eliminated after the 2015-2016 4-H year. Anyone that has been working towards these awards for at least two years and will qualify this year is eligible to apply.</p> <p>Overall Achievement Award: Awards committee recommends the Overall Achievement Award to include all projects in the Clover and update application. The application will include a paragraph about a favorite memory or experience of one of the projects included in the application.</p> <p>Countywide Project Awards: Awards committee recommends Countywide Project Awards will still be available for youth because there are at least 72 more plaques on hand. Once the supply is depleted, this award will be reevaluated.</p> <p>4-H Club Scrapbook: Awards committee recommends a category be added for Facebook/Website. The requirements will be the same as the scrapbook except remove the last statement on the application: Include name of member who worked on the scrapbook (as it can be online now).</p>	<p><u>Outdoor Committee Proposals</u> Fair Attire: For – 16, Against – 10 Passed</p> <p>Lamb Birthdates: For – 20, Against – 5, Abstain – 1 Passed</p> <p>Swine Birthdates and Minimum Weight: For – 21, Against – 5 Passed</p> <p><u>Awards Committee Proposals</u> Overall Family and Consumer Sciences and Overall Agriculture: For – 9, Against – 7 Pass</p> <p>Overall Achievement Award: For – 24, Against – 2 Passed</p> <p>Countywide Project Awards: For – 22, Against – 4 Passed</p> <p>4-H Club Scrapbook: For- 15, Against – 11 Passed</p> <p>Window Display Award Amounts: For – 26, Against – 0 Passed</p> <p>Citizenship, Conservation, Health, Recreation, Safety Awards: For – 18,</p>

	<p>Window Display Award Amounts: Awards committee recommends to change the amount awarded for the window display to: 1st - \$50, 2nd - \$35, and 3rd - \$20. Reason is that this is really important for promotion and recruitment and should have more value.</p> <p>Citizenship, Conservation, Health, Recreation, Safety Awards: Awards committee recommends that Citizenship, Conservation, Health, Recreation, Safety Awards will be eliminated. There is no indication of what the recipient will be awarded and no understanding from the committee as to the purpose.</p> <p>I Dare You Award: Awards committee recommends that I Dare You Award will be eliminated.</p>	<p>Against 5, Abstain 3 Passed</p> <p>I Dare You Award: For – 20, Against – 3, Abstain – 3 Passed</p>
<p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise 4-H Market Sale % from 5% to 6% • Senior Night • Fair Theme • Announcements 	<p>Raise 4-H Market Sale % from 5% to 6% - Dave Hamilton gave an overview of the recommendation from the Outdoor Committee to be voted. This would be for the 2016 fair (one year) as a trial basis. Dave opened the topic for discussion. Don Converse made a motion to raise the 4-H Market Sale % from 5% TO 6% for the 2016 Fair. Jim Ashmore seconded. Questions were brought forth of raising the % for animals and not those who are bringing animals. It was questioned if this is fair to those members selling animals. Most projects have project fees and perhaps looking at project fees could potentially help fund the deficit. Dave noted project fees were met with resistance from various members at the Outdoor Committee. It was noted this increase could be looked at a project fee at the end of the project. It was clarified this would be for the 2016 only. We are currently \$6,000 to \$8,000 short in our Livestock budget. Part of the gap is the \$7,500 dead animal policy; however we cannot continue to count on those funds to cover the deficit. The market animals really take the brunt of the fee increase as the majority of the barn are market kids, the other percentage of the barn does not pay the fees for the judge, etc. Dave Hamilton recommended this decision will go to the clubs and hear the voices of the kids. Clarification of potential future project fees for the various projects, Mary thought perhaps an entry fee could be assessed for the areas for those who want to enter their animal. Another item of consideration is use of the building from the various projects and the need to maintain our meeting space. Communication will go out to the clubs for vote in February. If the clubs vote it down, it goes back to the outdoor and it is a dead issue for the year. We have asked the Foundation to cover this year, but we need to figure this out. Mary suggested getting behind the efforts of the Foundation to raise money and that would help as a whole. If the projects want to fundraise that would be great. No sponsorships for the projects however. Please contact either Dave Hamilton or Sean Maharg for more details.</p> <p><u>Senior Night</u> – Dave Hamilton gave a brief history of the Senior Night and celebrating those high school seniors who age out of 4-H. Dave asked for volunteers to help put on this event. Michelle Ostberg volunteers to do the food side and Kristina Carlson will help with the event.</p> <p><u>Fair Theme</u> – Janet Cervoski reported on the past fair theme ideas to help the decorating for fair. Please email Janet on the theme for 2016 submissions to be voted. Deadline is January 29th for submission.</p> <p><u>Announcement</u> – Mary Meyer reported that it is best to survey other Counties at events rather than</p>	<p>Don Converse made a motion to raise the 4-H Market Sale % from 5% TO 6% for the 2016 Fair. Jim Ashmore seconded.</p>

	by email. Please email Mary concise questions or feedback so that she may present at the February Extension Agent meeting.	
Announcements •	Indoor Meeting – January 25 at 5:30 / Extension Office Foundation Special Meeting – January 14 at 5:30 / Extension Office Foundation Regular Meeting – February 2 at 5:30 / Extension Office Outdoor Meeting – February 8 at 5:30 / BHB	
Next Meeting	Michelle Ostberg made a motion to adjourn. 6:57 PM	Michelle Ostberg made a motion to adjourn. 6:57 PM